

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/019,551	LUMM ET AL.
	Examiner Brian D. Walsh	Art Unit 3722

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 3/9/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-7 and 9-20.
3. The drawings filed on 21 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 3 – 7 and 9 – 20 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner has considered Applicant's amendment and arguments. As correctly assumed by Applicant, claims 3 – 20 (claim 8 now canceled) were not rejected using prior art since no reasonable rejection could be set forth at the time. The Examiner did not include "Reasons for Indicating Allowable Subject Matter" in the previous Action since claims 3 – 20 stood rejected under 35 USC first paragraph and the specification was objected to under 37 CFR 1.71 (a)-(c). In an apparatus such as the instant invention, the prior art did not disclose nor render obvious providing, along with the other elements of claim 1, a stationarily mounted main motor and a support motor wherein the housing of the support motor is mounted rotatably and coupled mechanically to the main motor such that the support motor is capable of being driven in time with the main motor. The Examiner considered prior art disclosing only two electric motors coupled in some mechanical manner, however, determined that such a combination or modification was not obvious and would require considerable hindsight reconstruction in light of the instant invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

3. The Examiner has determined that the remainder of Applicant's issues and arguments have been satisfied and/or are moot in view of Applicant's amendment and the Allowance of the application.

Faxing of Responses to Office Actions (UPDATED)

4. In order to reduce pendency and avoid potential delays, TC 3700 is encouraging FAXing of responses to **ALL OFFICE ACTIONS** directly into the Group at **(703) 872-9306**. This practice may be used for filing papers not requiring a fee. It may also be used for filing papers which require a fee by applicants who authorize charges to a PTO deposit account. Please identify the Examiner and art unit at the top of your cover sheet. Papers submitted via FAX into TC 3700 will be promptly forwarded to the Examiner.

PLEASE NOTE: the fax number in the above paragraph has changed. It is to be used for all responses, **including after-final communications**.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Walsh whose telephone number is (703) 605-0638. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., with every-other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington can be reached on (703) 308-2159.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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